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To commemorate this day, a special anniversary service will be held with ministers of the nine Bay District Buddhist churches participating. Special presentations in appreciation, and in recognition of their devoted services to the temple will be made to the four Issei past presidents: Naoyoshi Kuge, Bunju Marubayashi, Zentaro Ota and Yasutaro Takano; and to the wives of past ministers: Mrs. J. Motoyoshi of Fresno, Mrs. S. Naito, Alameda; and Mrs. G. Abiko, Sebastopol; and also to Mrs. E. Terao. The sermon will be delivered by Bishop Kenryu Tsuji of the Buddhist Churches of America. The chairman for the service will be Hiroshi Hashimoto and the organist, Greg Okada.

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At 4 p.m. the locale will shift to the Blue Dolphin-on-the-Marina in San Leandro for the gala banquet and entertainment. The gathering will be welcomed by Ichiro Nishida, temple president. Master of Ceremonies, Kiyoshi Naito will then introduce the following guests: Bishop and Mrs. Kenryu Tsuji of BCA, the ministers

and representatives of the Bay District Buddhist churches, Mayor and Mrs. C. J. Corica of Alameda, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Kofman of the Alameda Times-Star, Rev. and Mrs. Nobuaki Hanaoka of the Buena Vista United Methodist Church, and the representatives of the Alameda JACL, Language School, Sanwa Bank, Sumitomo Bank, California First National Bank, Hokubei Mainichi and the Nichi Bei Times. At this time also, Rev. Terao will be presented a gift in appreciation to his 16 years of devoted service to the temple.

After the conclusion of the dinner, "Yukiko", a well-known songstress of two nations, will entertain with popular Japanese and American songs.

In charge of general arrangements is Masao Nakano, and he is being assisted by Nobi Okada, treasurer; Yutaka Nakayama, service preparation; Kiyoshi Naito, program booklet and invitations; Ichiro Nishida, banquet; Tom Okamoto, social hour; James Komatsu, entertainment and gifts; Non Iwahashi, group picture; and Mas Takano, transportation; and Joe Iwataki, publicity.

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The Buddhist Temple of Alameda will be ^{commemorating} celebrating its 60th Anniversary on Sunday, June 6, 1976. The present healthy and active state of our Temple has been made possible by the blessing of our Lord Buddha and the endeavors of our members, past and present. It is hoped that this 60th Anniversary celebration will encourage the continuance of many more years of effort and activity on the part of all of us, and that the teachings of Buddha will continue to be spread far and wide.

In paying tribute to our pioneer founders and past members, the committee has planned a program which will include a special anniversary service and a gala banquet and entertainment at the Blue Dolphin Restaurant in San Leandro. Tickets for this dinner are available at \$5.00 per person at the Temple office.

To cover the expenses of this auspicious occasion, a budget of \$5,000.⁰⁰ has been drawn up and we are again soliciting your generous support. Your contributions will be gratefully accepted. For your convenience, An envelope is enclosed.

It is hoped that all members and friends, from ~~the~~ tiny tots to the senior citizens, will attend this festive occasion to make it the most memorable event in our 60 year history.

In Gratitude

Buddhist Temple of Alameda

Marcos Nakano

Chair, 60th anniversary
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In an impressive and colorful anniversary service conducted by Bishop Kenryu Tsuji as chief officiant and assisted by the Rev. Eiyu Terao and the nine Bay District ministers, the Buddhist Temple of Alameda celebrated the 60th year of its founding on Sunday, June 6, 1976. It was a day of gratitude in honoring our Issei pioneers whose foresight brought religious fulfillment to the devoted Buddhists in Alameda, and it was also a day to contemplate and to look forward to the future when the Buddhadharma would continue to be spread to the coming generation.

After the chanting of the Ju-Ni-Rai and the offerings of incense by the representatives of the Bay District churches, chairman Hiroshi Hashimoto made special presentations to the four Issei living past presidents of the temple: Naoyoshi Kuge, Bunju Marubayashi, Zentaro Ota and Yasutaro Takano. At the same time, in recognition of his 16 years service as the resident minister, the Rev. Eiyu Terao was ^{honored} cited for his devotion to the Temple. Bishop Tsuji delivered the main sermon and Greg Okada was the organist.

Following the service, a commemorative picture was taken with arrangements being made by Non and Paul Iwahashi.

As a fitting climax, the Blue Dolphin restaurant on the San Leandro Marina was the scene of the gala reception and banquet. The gathering was welcomed by Ichiro Nishida, Temple president, ^{after which} ~~and then~~ Master of Ceremonies Kiyoshi Naito introduced the following guests: Bishop and Mrs. Kenryu Tsuji; the ministers of the nine Bay District churches and their wives; Noboru Hanyu, president, BCA; the Rev. and Mrs. Nobuaki Hanaoka, Buena Vista United Methodist Church; Mr. and Mrs. Hi Akagi, Alameda JACL; Mayor and Mrs. C. J. "Chuck" Corica of Alameda; Alameda Times-Star Publisher and Mrs. Abe Kofman; and the representatives of the following: Sanwa Bank, Sumitomo Bank of California, ~~Hakui~~ Bornia First National Bank, Hokubei Mainichi and the Nichi Bei Times.

At the conclusion of the dinner, special presentations in appreciation, and in recognition of their faithful service to the Temple were made to the wives of the past ministers: Mrs. G. Abiko, of Sebastopol, Mrs. S. Naito of Alameda, Mrs. J. Motoyoshi of Fresno (who was unable to be present); and also to Mrs. Terao of Alameda.

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In addition, both Mr. Corica and Mr. Kofman were presented with the two-volume "75 Year History of the Buddhist Churches of America".

To conclude this eventful day, "Yukiko", well-known songstress of two nations entertained the audience with popular songs in Japanese and English.

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Gyosei Nagafuji, Marin; Zuikei Taniguchi, Oakland; Kakuyei Tada, Palo Alto; Kochin Ogui, San Francisco; Junjo Tsumura, San Mateo; Kosho Yukawa, Southern Alameda County; and Akinori Imai, Berkeley Higashi. Also, Noboru Hanyu, President, BCA; Rev. and Mrs. Nobuaki Hanaoka, Buena Vista United Methodist Church; Mr. and Mrs. Hi Akagi, Alameda JACL, Mayor and Mrs. C. J. Corica, of Alameda; Mr. and Mrs. Abe Kofman, Alameda Times-Star; and representatives of the following: Sanwa Bank, Sumitomo Bank, California First National Bank, Hokubei Mainichi and Nichi Bei Times.

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Thank you for donations to 60th anniversary

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The Buddhist Temple of Alameda wishes to acknowledge your generous Dana offering in commemoration of our 60th anniversary celebration on June 6, 1976. Please accept our most sincere appreciation and deepest gratitude on your kind gesture. Your participation with our Sangha truly made this occasion the most auspicious event in our 60-year history.

As we look back 60 years to 1916 when the teaching of the Nembutsu was brought to Alameda by our pioneer Issei members and the Clergy, we are truly grateful to them for their foresight in enriching the religious aspect of our lives. We hope that we of the present generation will be as successful in following their ~~ex~~ample in continuing to spread the Buddhadharma far and wide.

Inclosing, we thank you for your presence and in helping to make this day one to ~~be~~^{be} remembered for many years.